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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED CONTENTS OF REFTELS WITH
PAUL SHANAHAN, CHIEF OF SECTION I ECONOMIC DIVISION,
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND WITH W J FALCONER,
CHIEF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SECTION, TRADE
POLICY DIVISION, MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY.
CONTENTS OF REF A ALSO FORMALLY CONVEYED TO GOVERNMENT
OF NEW ZEALAND (GNZ) BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE.

2. FALCONER, AS SENIOR WORKING LEVEL OFFICIAL
CONCERNED WITH MTN MATTERS, WAS APPRECIATIVE OF THE
NOTIFICATION OF THE US PLANS TO TABLE ITS COMPREHENSIVE
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TARIFF OFFER WEEK OF JANUARY 15. WHILE EMPHASIZING
NEW ZEALAND'S INTEREST IN AND COMMITMENT TO A
SUCCESSFUL MTN, FALCONER DID FEEL THE JANUARY 15 DATE
MIGHT POSE CERTAIN PROBLEMS FOR NEW ZEALAND.

3. GIVEN THE FACT THAT OTHER NATIONS WOULD EXPECT
A NEW ZEALAND OFFER - TO BE MEANINGFUL - TO COVER

A RANGE OF AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS AND THE FACT THAT NEW ZEALAND'S TARIFF IS NOT YET COMPUTERIZED, THE GNZ FACES A HUGE JOB IN FORMULATING ITS MTN PACKAGE. ADDED TO THIS IS THE FACT THAT THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 15 TO JANUARY 15 IS THE MAIN HOLIDAY PERIOD IN THIS COUNTRY. WHILE FALCONER EMPHASIZED THAT HE IN NO WAY WISHED TO APPEAR TO BE FOOT-DRAGGING BY MENTIONING THESE PROBLEMS, HE DID WANT THE UNITED STATES TO UNDERSTAND THE QUITE REAL PROBLEMS THE GNZ FACED. HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD, HOWEVER, PRESS FORWARD ENERGETICALLY IN ORDER TO HAVE ITS OFFER READY BY JANUARY 15 OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

4. FALCONER WAS ALSO CONCERNED WITH THE TIMING IN RELATIONSHIP TO THE PROGRESS OF TARIFF OFFERS ON INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS VIS-A-VIS PROGRESS ON QR'S ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. THE LATTER IS, OF COURSE, OF PRIME INTEREST TO NEW ZEALAND. THE GNZ IS WILLING TO MAKE THE POLITICAL SACRIFICES ON INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS AND AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES (POULTRY, TOBACCO) IF THEY OBTAIN CONCESSIONS IN THE OTHER AGRICULTURAL AREAS OF INTEREST TO THEM. THEY ARE UNDER NO ILLUSIONS AS TO THE DIFFICULTIES IN THIS AREA, HOWEVER. THERE IS IN FACT A BODY OF OPINION WITHIN THE GNZ THAT FEELS IF OTHERS STALL ON AGRICULTURAL OR'S BECAUSE AGREEMENT IS DIFFICULT, THE GNZ OUGHT TO STALL ON ITS OWN OFFERS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FALCONER, HOWEVER, DOES NOT APPEAR TO SHARE THIS VIEW.

5. ALL OF THIS IN FALCONER'S OPINION PUTS MINISTER OF OVERSEAS TRADE TALBOYS IN A DIFFICULT POSITION. IF HE ATTENDS THE JANUARY SESSION AND PRESENTS NEW ZEALAND'S OFFER WITHOUT OBTAINING ANY PROGRESS ON AGRICULTURAL QR'S, HE WILL OPEN HIMSELF TO POLITICAL ATTACK BACK HOME. ON THE OTHER HAND, TO ABSENT HIMSELF FROM THE MEETING WOULD ALSO MAKE NEW ZEALAND APPEAR LESS COMMITTED THAN IT ACTUALLY IS TO A SUCCESSFUL MTN. FALCONER WILL BE DISCUSSING THE MATTER WITH TALBOYS BUT ALSO WONDERED HOW THE US WOULD REGARD A NEW ZEALAND MINISTERIAL PRESENCE IN GENEVA IN JANUARY. THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS WOULD BE APPRECIATED. SELDEN

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